

# Edmonton Bulletin.

## Mr. Justice Scott's Report Places Responsibility on Administration

### SAYS BOOTH WAS IN COMPLETE ACCORD WITH MAROONED HINDUS THAT MAJOR MUST HAVE BEEN OF IT ACCEPT PROPOSALS OF AUTHORITIES

Judge Does Not Believe Evidence of Wheeler and Chevrier, Who May Now Be Known as "Official Fixers"—Says Lancy, Sam Wright and Seymour "Must Have Had Some Direct Interest"—Other Police Officials Censured—Identity of "Big Mitt Joe" Not Decided, But Judge Refers to Alderman Clarke's Dealings With Women of Underworld.

#### WHAT JUDGE THINKS OF PRINCIPALS

Commissioner Booth: "I cannot avoid the conclusion that Commissioner Booth, up to about the time he wrote the letter of the 20th of May to Chief Lancy, was in complete accord with the policy pursued by the police force of permitting houses of prostitution to run so long as the neighbors do not complain about them, and of compelling them, when such complaints were received, to move to some other locality in the city; even his letter of that date does not contain a direction to close up all the houses in the city, but merely those in certain localities. If it were his policy that all houses in the city or those containing more than two prostitutes should not be allowed to continue, why should he restrict his instructions to the closing of certain houses, or those in certain localities? I cannot understand the Commissioner's definition of a common bawdy house, which he thought drew a distinction between houses which contain more than two prostitutes, and those containing a greater number. The statutory definition of a common bawdy house, which is a synonymous term, being, 'A house, room, set of rooms, or place of any kind kept for purposes of prostitution, or occupied or resorted to by one or more persons for such purposes.'"

Mayor McNamara: "It may be open to question whether Commissioner Booth assumed that attitude upon his own responsibility, and without consulting the mayor or his other colleagues about it. He and the mayor discussed police matters from time to time, and in view of the fact that he looked upon the mayor as his 'boss,' and in view of the notorious increase of prostitution in the city, it is difficult to believe that the mayor was not aware of the attitude of the police in regard to it, although he may not have intended that they should go the length to which Chief Constable Lancy understood that he was authorized to go."

Alderman Clarke: "Alderman Clarke, the chairman of the Committee of Safety and Health, which is the committee to which matters relating to the police department are referred, admits that he knew from the first of the adoption of the policy of toleration and approved of it as the least unsatisfactory way of dealing with prostitution. He admits that he was consulted by a woman named Bill Morton with regard to a proposed lease of premises which he knew were intended by her to be used for that purpose and arranged for her to have Nellie Roberts, another prostitute, upon her arrest. Mrs. Bell goes into evidence that when Chief Constable Lancy heard from Alderman Clarke's connection with the Bill Morton transaction he refused to make any further objection to its completion and decided in the words of the witness 'to keep his nose out of it.' Chief Constable Lancy denies that he had any such connection with Mrs. Bell, but I think that Chief Lancy was not unreasonably disinclined to do so, for where he thought Alderman Clarke was interested. Bill Morton's premises were apparently undisturbed for several weeks, notwithstanding Chief Constable Lancy's knowledge of their occupation and use. A man named 'Doc,' which is Alderman Clarke's Christian name, is said to have been mentioned by Wheeler in a discussion of the division of money collected for protection and he is also said to have been mentioned in a statement by Blanche Harpole with regard to the payment of protection money. There is, however, nothing in the evidence which would justify even a suggestion that Alderman Clarke's conduct was open to suspicion in this connection."

Detective Coleman: "I have no doubt that Coleman, although particularly charged with the enforcement of the criminal law, recommended that it should not be set in motion. His conduct is open to serious criticism."

Deputy Chief Samuel Wright: "Wright's evidence throughout the inquiry has been exceedingly unsatisfactory. He is not to be believed. The inference that the money paid to him by Mr. Gill, of the Pantages theatre, was not a loan, and that the money paid must have been by way of a bribe, is almost irresistible. Even if the evidence as to its being a loan were credible, the improbability of a police officer requesting a loan under these circumstances constitutes the gravest possible misconduct."

Chief Lancy and Detective Seymour were also guilty of grave misconduct in connection with the raid on the gambling premises on First street on the morning of the 17th of May. It was carried out in such a way as to fall altogether of effect. The officers who took part in it were given no proper instructions as to what they were to do. An attempt was made to arrest the keepers and there was a deliberate failure to obtain the correct names of the persons who had been charged as frequenters. Wheeler and Seymour say that the expedition to Chief Lancy's house was not successful, and that Chief Lancy was not connected with it. Chief Lancy corroborates this. The probabilities seem to be all the other way. Upon the return of Wheeler and Seymour to the gambling house the officers were withdrawn, apparently without objection by Inspector Burbeck, who was present, and to whom, as Seymour's superior officer, some blame should be attached, although Seymour was the man who was directed by Chief Lancy to enter the raid.

Robert Williams (alleged during the inquiry to have attempted to bribe P. T. Rutherford in connection with a charge against 'Jew John'): 'Williams, who denied on oath the making of the offer, failed to add pursuant to his subpoena subsequent to Rutherford's evidence being taken. A bench warrant was issued for him, but he appears to have fled. As Rutherford's evidence was corroborated by the evidence of Higgins, the reason of his flight was no doubt the anticipation of a prosecution for perjury.'

William Wheeler and Hector Chevrier: 'There is a strong direct evidence that William Wheeler, the manager of the Dominion club, and Hector Chevrier, a partner in the Nanaimo Wine and Spirit company, have demanded money for police protection, and claimed to be authorized to furnish it. In the case of Wheeler, the evidence is corroborated as to a certain extent by the evidence of Sam Wright, to the effect that he had demanded money from her for that purpose, is entitled to credence as against his denial. It is admitted that on a certain day he visited her house as well as two other houses of prostitution, and I am satisfied that her version of what took place during his interview with her is substantially correct. Chevrier, on the other hand, who was about to purchase a rooming with the intention of selling liquor there, was informed by him that he would have to pay \$100 a month for police protection and that one McColl, who was in treaty for the purchase of a club premises was informed by Chevrier that in order to obtain protection he would have to buy his liquor from him. Chevrier denies that he made those statements, but I accept the evidence of Leroux and McColl against his denial.'

Mayor McNamara's propensity, made in Winnipeg some few weeks ago, that the police inquiry would not amount to anything, has been fully justified as a matter of fact, those who took an active part first of all in making this statement, and who were afterwards brought forward, have been shown to be in the wrong. The evidence of the witnesses in connection with Mr. Justice Scott's report shows that his lordship went so far as to describe the general conditions re-

### SIR WILFRID LO LAURIER TO VISIT WEST IN EARLY AUTUMN AT NEWSPAPER ASSESSMENTS

By Bulletin Leased Wire. OTTAWA, July 21.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the opposition, will visit the west during the early autumn months. His itinerary has not yet been fixed and the date of his leaving has not yet been decided, but it is expected that he will be about the middle of August. Sir Wilfrid will also visit many points in the eastern provinces and it has not yet been decided whether he will go west or east first. A number of the Liberal lieutenants will accompany the Liberal chief.

### FALL SESSION OF COMMONS UNLIKELY

Premier Borden and Number of His Ministers to Tour West. By Bulletin Leased Wire. OTTAWA, July 21.—The definite date of the fall session of the House of Commons has not yet been decided, but it is expected that it will be about the middle of September. The number of ministers who will accompany the premier on his tour of the west has not yet been decided, but it is expected that it will be about a dozen.

### MILLIONS OF DOLLARS BEING TRANSFERRED

Gold, Silver and Notes Are Being Moved From Old to New Vaults. By Bulletin Leased Wire. OTTAWA, July 21.—Many millions of dollars worth of gold, silver and notes are being transferred from the old vaults to the new vaults in the Bank of Canada building in Ottawa. The transfer is being carried out by the Bank of Canada, and it is expected that it will be completed by the end of the month.

### CANADIAN AND ENGLISH TEACHERS TO EXCHANGE

By Bulletin Leased Wire. LONDON, July 21.—The London County Council have approved of the exchange of Canadian and English teachers. The Council have agreed to send a number of Canadian teachers to England, and to receive a number of English teachers to Canada. The exchange is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

### ONTARIO PEOPLE ARE COMING WEST TO SEEK NEW HOMES

TORONTO, July 21.—Seven hundred Ontarians have left the United States today, and are making up their minds to seek new homes in the west. The Ontarians are going west in search of better opportunities for their families.

### MAROONED HINDUS ACCEPT PROPOSALS OF AUTHORITIES

Made New Demands But Finally Agreed to Accept Ultimatum of Immigration Authorities—Captain Agreed to Allow Possession of Ship—Steam Tugger up and Now Ready for Departure. By Bulletin Leased Wire. LONDON, July 21.—Just before 7 o'clock this evening the Hindus, through their shore committee, agreed to accept the terms of the government and will tonight allow peaceful possession of the Komagata Maru. There will be no fighting. The Hindus made many demands, but finally were forced to accept the proposals of the authorities, which were to provide them with medicine and \$6,000 worth of food for the return trip. They absolutely refused to give money for their return fares or to allow anything but the local Hindu community to pay by way of recompense. At seven o'clock Captain Yamamoto started out for his vessel to steam up.

### HEAVY RAILS ON CANADIAN NORTHERN

Old Sixty Pound Rails Are Replaced by Ninety Pound in Manitoba. By Bulletin Leased Wire. WINNIPEG, July 21.—For the past two weeks Canadian Northern construction camps have been hard at work replacing the sixty-pound rails on the main line of the Transcontinental railway in Manitoba. The new ninety-pound rails are being laid in place of the old sixty-pound rails. The work is being carried out by the Canadian Northern railway company.

### PROTEST AGAINST EARLY CLOSING LAW

Clothing Stores Say Passing of Bill Would Greatly Injure Business. A Friedman represented 25 clothing stores in the city in a protest against the proposed early closing law. The stores say that the law would greatly injure their business, and that it would be a great loss to the city. They are asking the government to withdraw the law.

### A Few of Today's WANTS

FOR SALE—HALF SECTION (500 acres) of land, situated in the north-west corner of the main line of the C.N.R., between Edmonton and Calgary. The land is well watered and is suitable for farming. The price is \$100,000. For more particulars, apply to the Canadian Northern railway company, Edmonton, Alberta.

BOARDS AND ROOMS—GOOD HOME in the city, with a large front porch, and a beautiful view of the city. The house is well furnished and is suitable for a family. The price is \$10,000. For more particulars, apply to the real estate agent, 1000 Main Street, Edmonton, Alberta.

WANTED—TEACHER FOR BRICK VILLAGE, near the city, for the next year. The teacher should be a woman, and should have a good knowledge of English and French. The salary is \$1,000 per year. For more particulars, apply to the school board, 1000 Main Street, Edmonton, Alberta.

LOST—ON NALAYO, BETWEEN CALGARY and Edmonton, a black and white dog, about 1 year old, and weighing about 20 lbs. The dog is very smart and is very fond of its master. The reward is \$100. For more particulars, apply to the owner, 1000 Main Street, Edmonton, Alberta.

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